



Editors note: Cover art features Confederate veterans who survived Pickett's Charge, one holding a Confederate flag, at the 1913 Gettysburg reunion.



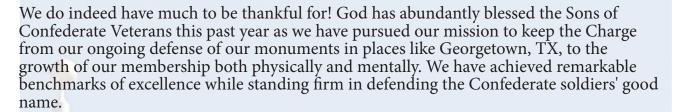
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OMMANDERS ADDRESS TO THE DIVISION

A Thankful Heart

In Psalm 95:2, we read, "Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving." The psalmist also tells us, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" (Ps. 92:1). As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday this year, I encourage you to pause from the busy pace of our lives

to create space for prayerfully lifting our hearts to the Lord with gratitude and gladness.



Our accomplishments, of course, begin with those who make up the 95 individual camps in the Texas Division. Our Compatriots working at the local level form the heart of the Division, bringing their passion, knowledge, and fellowship to the local camp. Our Brigade officers and Division staff continue to demonstrate their commitment to our Division's development and wellbeing while excelling in their various roles of responsibility. The work and dedication of every member have proven to be an inexhaustible source of strength for the Texas Division – for which I am deeply grateful.

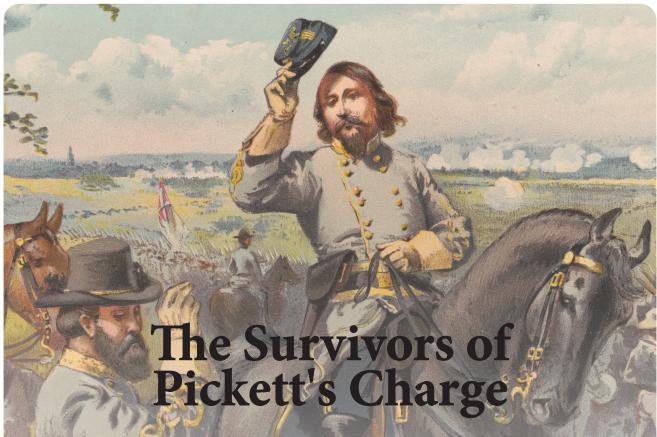
Thanksgiving, of course, is a time for family gatherings, good food, and fellowship. It is a time of wonderful togetherness. My challenge to each of you this year is to let the holiday be a time of intentionally sharing words of gratitude to your family, friends, and the opportunities that have brought joy into your life.

Finally, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, remember to mark the greatest gift of all – salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy Thanksgiving,

W. Michael Hurley
Commander
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Sons of Confederate Veterans



Pickett's Charge was a pivotal moment during the Battle of Gettysburg, which took place from July 1 to 3, 1863, during the American Civil War. On the third day of the battle, Confederate General Robert E. Lee ordered a massive assault against the center of the Union line, known as Cemetery Ridge. This assault became famously known as Pickett's Charge because it was led by General George Pickett.

The charge took place on July 3, 1863, and it was a desperate attempt by the Confederates to break the Union line and secure a victory at Gettysburg. The assault involved approximately 12,500 Confederate soldiers, marching across open fields under heavy artillery and rifle fire from the Union positions.

Unfortunately for the Confederates, the charge was largely unsuccessful. The Union forces, well-entrenched on Cemetery Ridge, repelled the Confederate attackers with devastating artillery and rifle fire. The Confederate soldiers faced a harrowing ordeal as they crossed the open ground, and many fell before even reaching the Union lines.

The survivors of Pickett's Charge faced the grim reality of defeat. Those who managed to reach the Union lines were often captured or forced to retreat. The Confederate casualties were staggering, with estimates suggesting that around half of the soldiers who participated in the charge became casualties. This event marked a turning point in the Battle of Gettysburg and, consequently, in the overall course of the Civil War.

In the aftermath of Pickett's Charge, the survivors had to deal with the physical and emotional toll of the failed assault. Many of them would have experienced the trauma of seeing comrades fall on the battlefield, enduring the chaos of the charge, and then dealing with the demoralizing defeat. The Confederate Army as a whole would also have had to regroup and come to terms with the strategic setback at Gettysburg.

The survivors of Pickett's Charge, like many Civil War veterans on both sides, faced the challenge of rebuilding their lives and communities after the war. The physical and psychological scars left by the conflict would have a lasting impact on these individuals and their families. Many veterans struggled with post-war trauma, and the nation as a whole faced the challenges of reconstruction in the years that followed.

Let's delve into more facts and details about the survivors of Pickett's Charge and the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg:

Individual Stories of Survival:

Among the survivors were individuals who displayed extraordinary courage and resilience. Some managed to navigate the treacherous open ground, dodge artillery and rifle fire, and reach the Union lines.

These survivors likely faced incredible odds, witnessing the chaos and carnage around them as they pressed forward. Their personal accounts would provide valuable insights into the harrowing experience of Pickett's Charge.

Prisoners of War:

Those who reached the Union lines often found themselves taken as prisoners of war. The aftermath of Pickett's Charge saw thousands of Confederate soldiers being captured and escorted to makeshift prison camps.

Prisoner-of-war camps such as Elmira in New York and Camp Douglas in Illinois held Confederate captives, subjecting them to challenging living conditions and inadequate provisions.

Physical and Psychological Trauma:

The survivors, whether captured or retreating, carried both physical and psychological scars.

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1st Lt. Commanders Report

Quarterly Report

Compatriots – Once again, I am honored to have been elected at the Texas Division Reunion in June to serve as your 1st Lt Commander & Heritage Defense Officer. I also continue to serve as the Division Public Affairs Officer. Current Heritage Defense Issues:

As of this writing, the most prominent Heritage Defense issue within the Division continues to be in Georgetown (Williamson County), Texas. For the past 39 months, the Williamson County Grays Camp #502 (Georgetown) has maintained a weekly presence at the Williamson County Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Memorial at the Courthouse Square. Antifa and BLM, under the guise of the Wilco "Patriots" continue to have intermittent but sinister gatherings there and



have become increasingly confrontational. On Memorial Day, they burned a Confederate Battle Flag on the Square (we were not present). On 4 July, they shrouded the Memorial in black cloth (we arrived after the fact and were present when law enforcement removed the shroud – to the applause and cheers of a good many townspeople who had gathered there). On 6 July, the Grays received notification that the Federal Court (where a lawsuit was filed against the Grays and several other defendants, including me, last August) was dismissed with prejudice by an Obama-appointed Judge. Later in July, the plaintiff (Jason Norwood) asked the Judge for a re-consideration and requested to continue in forma pauperis (Judge, I'm broke and need the taxpayers to pay my legal expenses). Both requests were speedily denied. Norwood has now filed a Notice of Appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. Unfortunately for Norwood, this Court has already ruled on this very same issue in Moore v. Bryant (2017). We are confident that the Court will either decline to hear the case or dismiss it. We just don't know when. It is likely to cost more in legal expenses, which already exceed \$17,000.00. The Grays continue to be very grateful to the Camps and individuals who have contributed to the Legal Defense Fund. Local support for the Grays, already strong, continues to grow.

Activities

8 June, 6 July, and 3 August – Attended monthly meetings of the Williamson County Grays Camp #502 (Georgetown) June – August: On the Square in Georgetown every Saturday except absences for the Division Reunion (Lubbock) – 3 June, National Reunion (Hot Springs) - 22 July, and 55th High School Reunion (Deer Park) – 26 August.

1 - 4 June – Attended Texas Division Reunion in Lubbock; elected Division Lt Commander.

14 June – Attended Chickasaw Veterans Conference at Thackerville, Oklahoma; met with Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby and Panola (my) District Representative Beth Alexander.

28 June – Maintained and flagged Confederate grave sites at Saul, Rice's Crossing, and Gardner Cemeteries (Williamson County). 4 July:

• Participated in the Belton 4th of July Parade with the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 (Temple)

• Confronted Antifa/BLM anarchists who had shrouded the Williamson County Confederate Soldiers & Sailors Memorial (Georgetown) until law enforcement intervened & removed shroud.

13 July – Attended the monthly meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission to update them on recent happenings at the Square and the dismissal of the federal lawsuit (in which they had also been named as defendants).

18 July – Addressed the Williamson County Commissioners Court recounting the illegal and provocative actions by the Wilco "Patriots" in front of the Courthouse over the past 2 months and briefed them on the dismissal of the federal lawsuit.

24-25 July – Attended the trial of a member of the Williamson County Grays who had been accused of assaulting a Wilco "Patriots" activist in April, 2021. An inept DA Team coupled with bizarre and contradictory prosecution witnesses against a very strong Defense Team and video evidence resulted in the acquittal of our man in less than an hour.

12 August – Attended an outstanding ATM Recruiting/Retention/Heritage Defense Symposium hosted by the Red Diamond Camp #2193 (Texarkana). Notable speakers and presenters included SCV Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers, the Kennedy brothers, and a number of former SCV Commanders-in-Chief. The event was well planned, executed, and attended.

16 August – Met privately with Williamson County Judge Bill Gravell regarding the situation on the Courthouse Square. He told me that "... as long as he was County Judge, that Memorial will stay right where it is."

28 August – Met with Williamson County Commissioner (Precinct 3) Valerie Covey & members of the Williamson County Historical Commission regarding her plan to re-install Memorial Bricks on the Courthouse Square that had been removed, with malice, by the City of Georgetown in February, 2022. It is hoped to have this task will be completed by the end of September by volunteers from the Grays and the Historical Commission.

Subject to your questions,

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelby K. Little

Lt Commander

Texas Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans

2nd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Greetings Compatriots,

Since the Texas Reunion of 2023 in Lubbock, I have received over ten (10) requests to join the SCV from individuals that inquired through our division website. As I received these requests, applications were obtained along with lineage charts. These applications were forwarded to the Division Genealogist Bob Hazelwood for verification of each of their ancestors. Bob has done a fantastic job with his research and responds very quickly. I am very pleased to report that all applications qualified and have been handed over to local camp commanders to complete the process.



We have just come out of "Dues Renewal" period, and everyone should have received the notice from National regarding late fee waiver on dues paid through September. Commanders should really utilize this extra time to bring in the "stragglers: and work toward 100% retention.

I have the opportunity and privilege to participate in the Azle Sting Fling Parade with the R.E. Lee Camp of Fort Worth. The Camp and Float was well received and even won a trophy for their participation. My time spent at the Recruitment Booth was beneficial as we were able to visit and invite several to join the SCV.

This is the time of the year in Texas when there are local festivals all over the state. I encourage every camp to become involved, whether participating in a parade or having a recruiting booth. This is one of the most effective methods we have to get our message out and engage new members. I have developed a "Booth Checklist" to assist any camp to "outfit" their booth. Please contact me any time.

I will try to be accessible as time and distance permits for all camps. Please let me know if you are having an event I can participate in with you or offer any other assistance.

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3rd Lt. Commanders Report Quarterly Report

Facebook has recently reported a reach of approximately 5,000 individuals out of our 18,000 followers.

This may be attributed to a shortage of fresh, engaging content. While volunteers do share information, it tends to lack originality. It's essential to understand that Facebook isn't a reliable bulletin board for announcements, as there's no guarantee that our entire 18,000 followers will see them—perhaps only around 5%. The website however, get's exponentially way more traffic which we should exploit for a financial gain.



In reality, Facebook should be regarded more as a Yellow Pages directory—a platform for marketing and advertising purposes.

On a separate note, I've been working diligently to ensure everyone stays updated through our newsletters. I make every effort to promptly input email addresses into Constant Contact.

Speaking of Constant Contact, our subscription has been recently renewed. However, I'd like to highlight that we are actively exploring the possibility of replacing it in the near future, as part of the proposal I will be discussing. The new division website, once implemented, will have the capability to efficiently handle mass email deliveries of our newsletters, potentially offering significant cost-saving opportunities.

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Brigadier General Richard M. Gano

By. W. Michael Hurley

General Richard M. Gano, minister of the gospel, physician, farmer, rancher, banker, and native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, was born on June 9, 1830.

A Graduate from Bethany College in West Virginia in 1847, he received his medical degree from the Medical College at Louisville, KY two years later in 1849, practicing medicine for the next eight years, first in Kentucky, then in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before moving to Texas in 1857. Gano was accompanied to Texas by his young family. He and his wife, Margaret, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Welch of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, had been married in 1853. With them to Texas went their three children. (Nine more would be added to the family in Texas for a total of 12 children).

He purchased land on Grapevine Prairie in Tarrant County within sight of the present-day city of Grapevine, Lake Grapevine, and the acreage of which DFW International Airport now sits. His initial frontier homestead is still standing and is in use.

When trouble started popping up on the northwestern frontier of Texas with the advent of 1858 raids by the Comanche Indians in Parker and Wise counties, Gano helped raise a a defense force and pursue the Comanche. The campaign lasted a number of weeks, and when the company returned home to the citizens of Tarrant County, they presented a costly sword to Gano in recognition of his leadership, and also elected him Tarrant County Representative in the legislature at Austin in 1858.



Gano resigned from the legislature in January, 1862, to enter the Confederate Army as a captain of the cavalry. He rose through the ranks to brigadier general and served with the Army of Tennessee in forty-two engagements, beginning the spring of 1863 at the Battle of Chattanooga. He later commanded Texas cavalry units along the Red River. In all, he served in seventy-two engagements "but was never taken prisoner" and "was successful in all but four." His left arm was broken by a minie ball and "while in service he had five horses shot from under him, three animals being killed."

After the war, Gano returned to Texas, settling in Dallas County where he resumed farming and ranching. One of the first Texas cattlemen to import fine-blooded cattle into the state, he later developed a ranch to breed and train harness horses.



In 1866, Gano, who had been baptized in the church while in Kentucky, began his own active career in the ministry of the Churches of Christ. At the end of the next quarter century it was stated that "he had been very successful, having baptized about 4,000 people, besides establishing a large number of Churches of Christ in the Dallas/Ft Worth Metroplex, many which still exist to this day."

Gano came from a long line of gospel preachers. His great grandfather, John Gano, served as an army chaplain during the American Revolutionary War. Chaplain Gano was said to have been "an intimate friend of Gen. Washington." One account tells of Gano having baptized General Washington in the field by immersion, as "Gen. Washington had become dissatisfied with the baptism which had been administered by his own church" (the established Church of England).

General Gano's own father was John Allen Gano of Bourbon County, Kentucky, who, active as a Gospel

Preacher of sixty years in the Churches of Christ, was credited with baptizing 10,000 men, women, and children.

General Gano, was a strong believer in Christ his whole life, and he practiced abstinence of what he believed were bad habits, he never drank a cup of coffee, nor of tea, smoked a cigar, or used tobacco in any form, nor drank any spirits as beverage.

He was a elder of the Central Church Christ in Dallas, TX, when he died at the home of his daughter on March 27, 1913 in Dallas, TX. He is buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Dallas, along with his wife Margret. A very talented man, he excelled as a physician, Texas state legislator, gospel preacher, Indian fighter, Confederate brigadier general, banker, farmer and rancher.

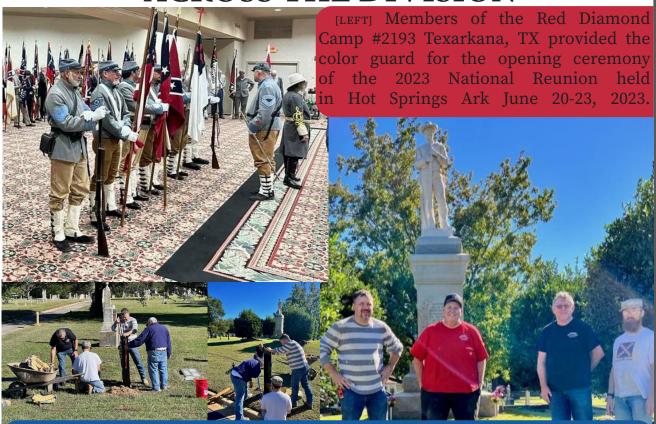


Today, the SCV Camp in Grapevine, Texas is named in his honor as the "Richard Montgomery Gano Camp #2292".

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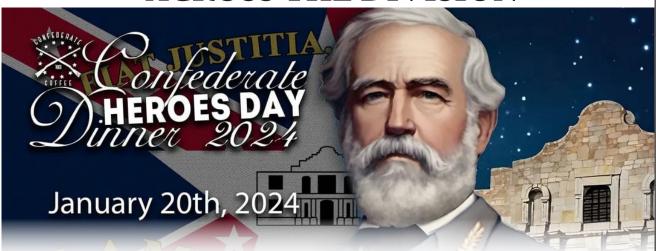
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[ABOVE] Members of the Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338 Sons of Confederate Veterans,
Tyler TX; spent the morning of October 14, 2023 digging post holes and placing 16 posts
with chains outlining the Confederate Soldier's Plot located at historic Oakwood Cemetery in
Tyler TX. The plot and monument are the final resting place of 231 unknown Confederate
soldiers. Thanks goes to Compatriots Sam Daggett, Monty Williams, Michael Hurley, and
Jesse Walker for a job well done!



ACROSS THE DIVISION



The Tejano Confederate Memorial Statue is coming to fruition! Show your support by donating at alamocityguards.com or join us at the Confederate Coffee Company Presents Confederate Heroes Day Dinner 2024 Hosted By the Alamo City Guards! Attendees are eligible to be the first to see the finished sculpture at the June 6th, 2024 viewing party in San Antonio, Texas. Buy your tickets now before they're gone!



Thanksgiving, what does it mean? It means we give thanks to the Lord. He, above, has given us this time to be together with our loved ones, our family, our children, & our friends. That is a gift that money cannot buy! Think about it. The happiness you experience right now with your brother, sister, cousins, & grandparents, your mom and dad. Watching the children's eyes sparkle as they're given mashed potatoes & gravy, yams & turkey. The fun of fighting over that that wishbone to make a wish!! These are the memories you can't buy.

I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with the Lord's blessings and remember today is a day to look to your loved ones, hug them & tell them how much they mean to you. And mean it, don't just say it! Tell them you love them!! Give them a hug and say you make a difference in my life.

I am happy and that's why I give thanks! I have you, my family, my friends and all of my loved ones. That is the greatest gift anyone can ask for. Our Lord God gave this opportunity to us so enjoy this Thanksgiving and enjoy life.

Blessings from Deborah & myself. Eat a piece of pie for me!! Have a very wonderful & happy Thanksgiving! Gobbble gobble!!

Chaplain Kevin Knippa Alamo City Guards Camp 1325





- December 18th 2023 (Monday) 3rd Brigage Xmas Party: 7 PM Ol' South Pancake House 1509 S University Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76107
- January 6th 2024 (Saturday) Division Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 AM Papa Rollo's 703 N. Valley Mills Dr., Waco, TX 76710
- January 20th 2024 (Saturday) Confederate Coffee Company Presents the Confederate Heroes Day Dinner hosted by the Alamo City Guards: 6pm Chama Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse 18318 Sonterra Pl, San Antonio, TX 78258 get tickets at confederateheroesday.com
- June 7-9 2024 Texas Division Reunion. Visit <u>hoodstexasbrigade.net</u> for more details.





(Con't from page 5) Many would have suffered from injuries sustained during the charge, ranging from gunshot wounds to shrapnel injuries from artillery fire. The psychological toll was immense. Survivors likely grappled with survivor's guilt, mourning lost comrades, and coping with the trauma of a failed and costly assault.

Impact on Confederate Morale:

Pickett's Charge dealt a severe blow to Confederate morale. The loss at Gettysburg marked a significant turning point in the war, with the Confederacy unable to secure a decisive victory on Northern soil. The survivors returning to their units faced the challenge of boosting morale and maintaining discipline within the Confederate ranks, despite the demoralizing defeat.

Repercussions for General Pickett:

General George Pickett, who led the charge, faced criticism and scrutiny for the failed assault. The survivors, having witnessed the devastation and high casualty rates, may have harbored mixed feelings toward their commanding officer. Pickett's reputation suffered after Gettysburg, impacting his career and legacy within the Confederate Army.

Post-War Reintegration:

After the war, the survivors of Pickett's Charge had to reintegrate into civilian life. Many returned to war-ravaged homes and communities, grappling with the economic challenges and societal changes brought about by the conflict. The scars of the battle lingered, affecting their ability to work and contribute to the rebuilding efforts in the post-war South.

Remembrance and Commemoration:

Survivors likely played active roles in commemorating the Battle of Gettysburg and honoring their fallen comrades. They may have participated in reunions, memorial events, and contributed to the establishment of monuments dedicated to those who fought and died during Pickett's Charge.

Legacy and Historical Impact:

The survivors of Pickett's Charge, like all Civil War veterans, contributed to shaping the historical narrative of the conflict. Their stories, whether recorded in personal diaries, letters, or oral histories, became integral to understanding the human experiences of one of the bloodiest battles in American history.

In summary, the survivors of Pickett's Charge endured a complex array of experiences, ranging from individual acts of courage to the broader challenges of physical and psychological recovery, post-war reintegration, and the enduring impact on the nation's history.

WRITTEN BY Christian Lee

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Texas Division Confederate Heroes Day State Wide Cemetery Clean Up January 19-21, 2024



In recognition of the State Holiday Known as Confederate Heroes Day I proclaim the weekend of January 19-21, 2024 As Confederate Cemetery Cleanup Weekend!

I am asking all Texas Division Camps make a Maximum effort to clean, repair, and flag the local graves of our Confederate Veterans burled in your community.

All Division Camps and Brigades are asked to begin planning now to insure a successful work.

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W. Michael Hurley 63rd Commander of the Texas Division Sons of Confederate VeteranS

I also ask that you email pictures from your camp and or brigade events associated with this effort as we mark, venerate and remember our brave Confederate Veterans. Please send the pictures via email to 3rd Lt

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DO YOU HAVE A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR?

utmanned, out-gunned and out-supplied (but never out-fought) Confederate soldiers wrote a proud chapter in this nation's history for independence, toughness, bravery, patriotism and Heritage of Honor. If you want the symbols of the Confederacy to remain a part of our cultural history and you are the male descendant of a Confederate soldier, then we invite you to join our cause. The SCV is a non-political heritage organization unaffiliated with any other group, dedicated to the preservation of the reputation of men like Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and your great-great-grandfather.



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